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OPA Daily Digest for 6/2/15

Upcoming EPA Region 7 Events by Division

* New additions noted with an asterisk

RA:

***6/9/15** – Agriculture Stakeholder Meeting with Kansas State University, Manhattan, Kan. Contact: Karen Flournoy, 7782

6/13/15 – River Cleanup Event, Parkville, Mo. Contact: Kris Lancaster, 7557

6/22-24/15 – Budget Meeting, Washington D.C. Contact: Dana Peters, 7444

6/25/15 – National Regional Tribal Operations Committee Meeting, Washington D.C. Contact: Julia Cacho, 7071

7/21-23/15 – Regional Tribal Operations Committee Meeting, White Cloud, Kan. Contact: Patrick Bustos, 7969

7/29/15 – Kansas City Regional Interagency COOP Exercise (RICE), Kansas City, Mo. Contact: Chris Taylor, 7736

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RA/Immediate Office

None

Other Events

AWMD

None

CNSL

None

ECO

5/31 - 6/5/2015 – FE&C Data Certification Lean/Kiazen Event, Washington, D.C. Contact: Neal Gilbert, 7985

6/4/2015 – Pools Prairie Community Meeting, Neosho, Mo. Contact: Karim Dawani, 7289

6/5/2015 – EJ 2020 Action, Kansas City, Kan. Contact: Elizabeth Kramer, 7186

6/15-19/2015 – Senior Enforcement Managers Meeting, Washington, D.C., Contact: DeAndre Singletary, 7373

6/16-17/2015 – Public Availability Session, Atlantic, Iowa, Contact: Pam Houston, 7699

6/23-24/2015 – Four State Directors Meeting, Moravia, Iowa, Contact: DeAndre Singletary, 7373

8/3-8/6/2015 – Community Involvement Coordinator Conference, Atlanta, Ga. Contact: Tamara Freeman, 7094

8/2- 8/7/2015 – Community Involvement Coordinator Conference, Atlanta, Ga. Contact: Pamela Houston, 7699

ENST

None

PLMG

None

RA/OPA

None

SUPR

6/2-4/15 – National Removal Managers Meeting, Chicago, Ill. Contact: Scott Hayes, 7670

6/16-18/15 – OSC Academy Training Board, Chicago, Ill. Contact: Scott Hayes, 7670

8/6-8/15 – LEPC/TERC Conference, Nebraska City, Neb. Contact: John Frey, 7994

8/24-27/15 – Marathon Pipeline Table-top Exercise with Region 5 and USCG, St. Louis, Mo. Contact: Heath Smith, 636-326-4724

WWPD

6/2-4/15 – National EPA Underground Injection Control Program Managers Meeting, Denver, Colo. Contact: Mary Mindrup, 7431

6/23-24/15 – Four State Directors Meeting, Moravia, Iowa. Contact: Karen Flournoy, 7782

Congressional Inquiries:

Sen. Jerry Moran (Kan.) – Email – 5/26/15: City of De Soto questions about asbestos cleanup at the Sunflower Army Ammunition Plant. Due: 5/28/15. Contact: LaTonya Sanders, 7555 (open)

Rep. Blaine Luetkemeyer (Mo.) – Email – 5/20/15: Constituent concerns about sampling of sod along the Big River in Jefferson County that may be contaminated with lead. Due: 6/3/15. Contact: LaTonya Sanders, 7555 (open)

Sen. Deb Fischer (Neb.) – Letter – 5/18/15: Pending dispute resolution claim regarding a federal contract. Due: 6/1/15. Contact: LaTonya Sanders, 7555 (closed)

Rep. Jeff Fortenberry (Neb.) – Email – 5/5/15: Constituent questions about new rules for glider semi-trucks. Due: 5/7/15. Contact: LaTonya Sanders, 7555 (open)

State Government Inquiries:

None

Press Inquiries:

Houston Public Radio (Texas) – Dave Fehling – 5/1/15 – Request for audio of Green Village bench ribbon cutting ceremony. Contact: David Bryan, 7433 (open)

Al-Jazeera America – Stephanie Becker – 5/21/15 – Questions about the West Lake Landfill Superfund Site in Bridgeton, Mo. Contact: Chris Whitley, 7394 (open)

Kansas Health Network – Bryan Thompson – 6/1/15 – Questions regarding RFS public hearing. Contact: David Bryan, 7433 (open)

Press Releases:

Link to all R7 press releases: <http://go.usa.gov/Qx5>

None

Fact Sheets:

Link to all R7 fact sheets: <http://www.epa.gov/region7/factsheets>

None

Environmental Stories:

Iowa Public Radio - Without Stable Policy, Low-Carbon Fuels Struggle to Find Footing - 6/3/15 - The federal government's complex set of rules meant to spur a renewable fuels industry has fallen behind one of its main goals: cut greenhouse emissions from gasoline. <http://iowapublicradio.org/post/without-stable-policy-low-carbon-fuels-struggle-find-footing>

High Plains Journal - American Soybean Association responds to EPA's proposed RFS volume requirements for biodiesel - 6/3/15 - American Soybean Association President Wade Cowan noted ASA believes the EPA and the Obama Administration could do more to capitalize on additional benefits that could be achieved with more robust biomass-based diesel volumes, however he welcomed the release of the Proposed Rule and expressed the association's hope that this action is a further sign of a return to schedule on the implementation of the RFS. http://www.hpj.com/crops/asa-responds-to-epa-s-proposed-rfs-volume-requirements-for/article_81c05df2-f1b8-5907-acb3-9694229c7271.html

Biofuels Journal - Iowa Renewable Fuels Association: EPA Regulations Restrict E15 Sales to Flex Fuel Vehicles During Summer Months - 6/1/15 - Just three days after the Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) proposed dramatic cuts to the federal Renewable Fuel Standard (RFS), their inaction on another regulation, and Big Oil's gleeful willingness to use the regulation to impede competition, has forced retailers to needlessly restrict E15 sales to flex-fuel vehicles (FFV) only from June 1 through September 15, 2015. http://www.biofuelsjournal.com/articles/Iowa_Renewable_Fuels_Association_EPA_Regulations_Restrict_E15_Sales_to_Flex_Fuel_Vehicles_During_Summer_Months/article_150357.html

Norfolk Daily News (Neb.) - Proposed ethanol limits seen as 'mind boggling' - 6/2/15 - Representatives of Nebraska's ethanol industry are frustrated with the Obama administration's proposed lowering of the amount of ethanol required to be mixed into America's gasoline supply in the coming years. http://norfolkdailynews.com/news/proposed-ethanol-limits-seen-as-mind-boggling/article_1753c8da-092f-11e5-81e7-df5ba76d10b5.html

Minneapolis (Minn.) Star-Tribune - Ethanol industry lashes out at EPA's proposed blending levels for biofuels - 6/2/15 - Ethanol industry leaders on Tuesday denounced the Obama administration's proposed renewable fuel policy, saying it would illegally scale back mandated blending of biofuels under a 2007 federal law and represents a "war on farmers." <http://www.startribune.com/ethanol-industry-lashes-out-at-epa-s-proposed-blending-levels-for-biofuels/305925521/>

KCRG Ch. 3 Grand Rapids, Iowa - Agribusiness Report -6/3/15 - Each year a certain amount of fuel sold to Americans must be from renewable sources. It's called the Renewable Fuel Standard, and the Environmental Protection Agency last week released long-overdue numbers for 2014, 2015 and 2016. Renewable fuel trade groups were already frustrated by lengthy delays, and were even more unhappy with the final number. <http://www.kcrg.com/subject/news/business/agriculture/agribusiness-report-june-3-20150603>

Iowa Republican - Sen. Grassley: Biofuels Under Attack: Same Old Story – 6/2/15 - It's been a familiar few weeks for biofuels. First, chain restaurants and chicken producers blamed ethanol for raising food prices. Then, the federal government's Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) caved to the oil industry in proposing weak requirements for the amount of biofuels to be included in the fuel supply.
<http://theiowarepublican.com/2015/biofuels-under-attack-same-old-story/>

Mt. Vernon (Iowa) Register-News - Opinion: Corn ethanol emits more than Keystone would - 6/3/15 - For years, environmental activists have opposed the Keystone XL pipeline, claiming that development of Canada's oil sands will be "game over for the climate." But if those same activists are sincere about climate change, why aren't they getting arrested outside the White House to protest the use of corn ethanol? http://www.register-news.com/opinion/corn-ethanol-emits-more-than-keystone-would/article_45d772da-1f7b-5699-8c3b-11e67fb43b8b.html

Mt. Vernon (Iowa) Register-News - Opinion: A good-enough plan - 6/2/15 - President Obama's global warming strategy will cut the country's climate-change-inducing greenhouse emissions significantly — but at some cost. That's the upshot of a new Energy Information Administration analysis of the Environmental Protection Agency's landmark Clean Power Plan, which, once finalized, will be at the core of the president's strategy to reduce U.S. carbon-dioxide output. http://www.register-news.com/opinion/a-good-enough-plan/article_2494a010-6de2-5aa2-acba-ac35d7e6e19c.html

Waterloo (Iowa) Region Record - Opinion: Corn ethanol worse than Keystone XL, but who cares? - 6/3/15 - A new study suggests corn ethanol produces more carbon dioxide than the Keystone XL pipeline would.
<http://www.therecord.com/opinion-story/5657172-corn-ethanol-worse-than-keystone-xl-but-who-cares-/>

Kansas City Star - Appeals court sides with EPA on air pollution limits - 6/2/16 - A federal appeals court ruled Tuesday that the Environmental Protection Agency complied with the law in deciding which areas of the country failed to meet federal limits on smog-forming pollution that can cause asthma and respiratory illness.
<http://www.kansascity.com/news/business/national-international/article22877868.html>

Decorah (Iowa) Newspapers - DNR gives preliminary approval for confinement - 6/2/15 = The Iowa Department of Natural Resources (DNR) intends to approve a permit for a new, 7,499-head hog confinement facility on a site two miles south of Cardinal Marsh, a state wildlife area. After a public hearing in February, the Winneshiek County Board of Supervisors voted unanimously to recommend the DNR deny the permit.
<http://www.decorahnewspapers.com/Content/Home/Home/Article/DNR-gives-preliminary-approval-for-confinement/-2/-2/37691>

Wayne County Journal - 150 People Attend Feral Hog Forum - 6/2/15 - Approximately 150 people attended a feral hog forum Saturday morning at Trinity United Methodist Church in Piedmont. People were able to share their thoughts on solving the problem and share issues affecting landowners.
http://www.waynecojournalbanner.com/news/article_47c67774-0961-11e5-9dc6-c30ea02447d0.html

KCSR Radio, Chadron, Neb. – Recycling Weekend in Chadron – 6/2/15 - This weekend will be a big one for recycling in Chadron. The Solid Waste Agency of Northwest Nebraska is holding a 2-day Scrap Tire Disposal Event Friday and Saturday at its transfer station while Keep Chadron Beautiful holds an electronic recycling collection on Saturday morning. <http://www.chadrad.com/newsstory.cfm?story=37579>

Lake News Online - Missouri Department of Natural Resources reminds landowners to plug abandoned wells - 6/1/15 - The Missouri Department of Natural Resources (DNR) estimates there may be as many as one abandoned well or cistern for every 80 acres of land in the state. <http://www.lakenewsonline.com/article/20150601/NEWS/150609899>

Salem (Mo.) News Online - The dead rest uneasy at West Fork Cemetery - 6/2/15 - The dead rest uneasy at the West Fork Cemetery in nearby north Reynolds County due to a sinkhole which looms just yards from the 175-year-old graveyard. "I hope to be buried here one day, if it doesn't fall into the ground," says Dale Brooks as he stands astride the cemetery's antique headstones. http://www.thesalemnewsonline.com/news/article_c2d46204-0930-11e5-94aa-7752d1417feb.html

St. Louis Post-Dispatch - Missouri regulators may block wind transmission project - 6/2/15 - Missouri regulators appear poised to scuttle a transmission line that backers say would transmit thousands of megawatts of wind power from the Kansas plains to homes and businesses farther east. http://www.stltoday.com/business/local/missouri-regulators-may-block-wind-transmission-project/article_58b169db-7671-50a1-8fd0-5af07f245472.html

McPherson Sentinel - Hague: Clean Water Rule to protect more water - 6/3/15 - Rivers in Kansas like the Arkansas, Kansas, Missouri, Little Arkansas, Ninnescah, Saline, Smoky Hill, Solomon, and Neosho, along with their network of tributaries and wetlands, are important to water quality, recreation, wildlife habitat, flood abatement, and American agriculture. <http://www.mcphersonsentinel.com/article/20150602/OPINION/150609878/>

KFEQ Radio, St. Joseph, Mo. - St. Joseph Ranked 4th on Forbes List for Farming & Agribusiness - 6/3/15 - The St. Joseph Chamber of Commerce announced Tuesday that Forbes magazine recently listed St. Joseph as No. 4 on the list of the America's Strongest Farming and Agribusiness Regions. <http://www.680kfeq.com/St-Joseph-ranked-4th-on-Forbes-list-for-farming-ag/21588828>

Des Moines Register - Opinion: USDA: Iowa's overlooked clean water partner - 6/2/15 - In the heat of Iowa's clean water debate, I want to re-emphasize that USDA has a legacy of supporting conservation in Iowa. NRCS stands ready to assist Iowa resolve its water quality issues and make lasting progress. <http://www.desmoinesregister.com/story/opinion/columnists/iowa-view/2015/06/02/usda-iowas-overlooked-clean-water-partner/28393293/>

St. Louis Post-Dispatch - Missouri regulators may block wind transmission project - 6/2/15 - Missouri regulators appear poised to scuttle a transmission line that backers say would transmit thousands of megawatts of wind power from the Kansas plains to homes and businesses farther east. http://www.stltoday.com/business/local/missouri-regulators-may-block-wind-transmission-project/article_58b169db-7671-50a1-8fd0-5af07f245472.html

KCRG Ch. 9 Cedar Rapids, Iowa - Iowa's first fully solar-powered school district should happen this summer - 6/2/15 - Students in one small southern Iowa district will return to see big technology changes this fall. Workers over the summer will transform the school buildings into Iowa's first district completely powered by the sun. <http://www.kcrg.com/subject/news/iowas-first-fully-solar-powered-school-district-should-happen-this-summer-20150602>

St. Louis Post-Dispatch - Ameren challenges Noranda rate cut, moves to end service to smelter - 6/2/15 - Ameren Missouri could be headed toward a breakup with Noranda Aluminum and a long court battle with Missouri after regulators decided to cut rates for the utility's largest customer. http://www.stltoday.com/business/local/ameren-challenges-noranda-rate-cut-moves-to-end-service-to/article_e1b13dda-6799-5626-9733-7f54947560e9.html

Utility Dive - Kansas ends 20% renewables mandate, replaces it with voluntary goal - 6/1/15 - Kansas Gov. Sam Brownback (R) has signed legislation ending the state's 20% renewables goal, instead replacing it with a voluntary target with a similar timeline. <http://www.utilitydive.com/news/kansas-ends-20-renewables-mandate-replaces-it-with-voluntary-goal/400006/>

Brownfield Ag News - Buis says EPA "missed the mark" - 6/2/15 - Growth Energy CEO Tom Buis says EPA missed the mark. "They missed a tremendous opportunity to get this thing right," he says. "They had plenty of time to do so. And again – while it is better than the last attempt, they still need to make significant changes before it gets finalized." Buis says EPA "missed the mark" <http://brownfieldagnews.com/2015/06/02/buis-says-epa-missed-the-mark/>

Farmers Advance - Upper Midwest anglers stand behind new clean water rule - 6/3/15 - Anglers in the Upper Midwest support a new rule announced recently that restores protections for America's headwater streams under the Clean Water Act. <http://www.farmersadvance.com/story/news/2015/06/03/upper-midwest-anglers-stand-behind-new-clean-water-rule/28302951/>

Agriculture.com - 11 Things the EPA Says the Clean Water Act Rule Doesn't Do - 6/2/15 - In response to negative statements by the American Farm Bureau Association and others, the EPA sent this statement to agricultural journalists this week. Agree or disagree, here are 11 points that the EPA says the Clean Water Act Rule does not do. http://www.agriculture.com/news/policy/11-things-epa-says-cle-water-act-rule_4-ar49071

JDSupra - EPA and Corps Final Clean Water Rule's Potential Impacts on Farming - 6/3/15 - EPA purportedly addressed concerns in crafting the final rule, but whether it has in fact done so will not be known for some time. The rulemaking effort was a reaction to several United States Supreme Court decisions, culminating in *Rapanos v. United States*. <http://www.jdsupra.com/legalnews/epa-and-corps-final-clean-water-rule-s-42284/>

The Conversation - EPA's Clean Water Rule: what's at stake and what comes next - 6/3/15 - Several decisions from the Supreme Court raised uncertainty about how far that jurisdiction reaches. The legal question has been where to draw the line of connectivity in the ecosystem when considering the impact on water quality downstream. <http://theconversation.com/epas-clean-water-rule-whats-at-stake-and-what-comes-next-42466>

Grist - Walmart spews a huge amount of climate pollution with its shipping, but doesn't report any of it - 6/2/15 - At Walmart's annual meeting on Friday, shareholders will vote on a measure that would force the company to reckon with one of the biggest — and best hidden — sources of climate pollution in its vast global operations: shipping. <http://grist.org/business-technology/walmart-spews-a-huge-amount-of-climate-pollution-with-its-shipping-but-doesnt-report-any-of-it/>

New York Times - E.P.A. to Set New Limits on Airplane Emissions - 6/2/15 - The Obama administration is set to announce that it will require new rules to cut emissions from airplanes, expanding a quest to tackle climate change that has included a string of significant regulations on cars, trucks and power plants. <http://www.nytimes.com/2015/06/03/business/energy-environment/epa-to-set-new-limits-on-airplane-emissions.html>

The Hill - Obama to seek cut in airplane emissions - 6/2/15 - The Obama administration has decided to propose cutting greenhouse gas emissions from aircraft. EPA will announce as soon as this week its conclusion that carbon dioxide from commercial airliners harms the public health or welfare. <http://thehill.com/policy/energy-environment/243856-obama-to-seek-cut-in-airplane-emissions>

Bloomberg - EPA Nears Decision on Aircraft Emissions' Risk to Climate - 6/2/15 - EPA is scheduled to issue a determination this month on burning jet fuel and its potential danger to human health by increasing the risks of climate change. <http://www.bloomberg.com/news/articles/2015-06-02/aircraft-emissions-scrutinized-by-epa-in-climate-change-drive>

The Energy Collective - Column: EPA's Blown Call on Ethanol - 6/2/15 - EPA's proposed revision to renewable fuel quotas achieves the appearance of compromise by cutting non-existent volumes, while still attempting to force more ethanol into the market than consumers seem to want. <http://theenergycollective.com/geoffrey-styles/2234566/epas-blown-call-ethanol>

The Guardian (U.K.) - Clean water could take a central role in the 2016 presidential debates – 6/2/15 - Following the Obama administration’s introduction of the “clean water rule” last week, Republican presidential hopefuls have made water the latest issue in a campaign to denounce government overreach. <http://www.theguardian.com/environment/2015/jun/02/clean-water-rule-2016-election-republican>

The Hill - Rep. Meadows: On WOTUS, EPA is taking the law into its own hands - 6/2/15 - The EPA has a long history of dramatically overstepping its legal authority, but this latest attempt is unprecedented even for the power-hungry federal agency. <http://thehill.com/opinion/op-ed/243660-on-wotus-epa-is-taking-the-law-into-its-own-hands>

Inside Climate - 49 States Making Plans for EPA Carbon Rule—Even the Ones That Hate It - 6/3/16 - Twelve states have sued the EPA, 12 others have created legislative hurdles. Still, most are planning to meet EPA's carbon reduction targets. <http://insideclimatenews.org/news/03062015/clean-power-plan-coal-obama-49-states-making-plans-epa-carbon-rule-even-ones-hate-it>

Union of Concerned Scientists (blog) - States Sue the EPA Over Clean Power Plan, Disprove Their Own Argument with Existing Efforts to Reduce Carbon Emissions - 6/3/15 - The near-term timeline and trajectory for states to make cuts in power plant emissions under the EPA’s proposed Clean Power Plan (CPP) is achievable, according to a new UCS analysis released today. <http://blog.ucsusa.org/states-sue-epa-over-clean-power-plan-disprove-their-own-argument-with-existing-efforts-to-reduce-carbon-emissions-752>

Union of Concerned Scientists (blog) - The Surprising Facts About the Clean Power Plan: Most States Are Already On Track to Meet 2020 Benchmarks for Reducing Carbon Emissions - 6/3/15 - A new analysis released today by UCS shows that most states are already making progress toward cutting carbon emissions from power plants by shifting from coal-fired power to cleaner generation sources like renewable energy, energy efficiency, and natural gas. <http://blog.ucsusa.org/facts-about-the-clean-power-2020-benchmarks-for-reducing-carbon-emissions-751>

Vox - 8 maps that reveal Americans' incoherent opinions on climate change - 6/2/15 - A new study attempts to map public opinion on climate change and climate policy in geographic detail, down to the level of counties and congressional districts. <http://www.vox.com/2015/6/2/8701917/americans-opinion-climate-change>

Forbes - Misunderstanding The Nexus Between National Security and Environmental Issues: Back to the Future - 6/3/15 - As the commencement speaker at the U.S. Coast Guard Academy on May 20, President Obama warned that climate change is a growing and “serious threat” to national security. <http://www.forbes.com/sites/henrymiller/2015/06/03/misunderstanding-the-nexus-between-national-security-and-environmental-issues-back-to-the-future/>

Environmental Leader - Will EPA Drop New Coal Carbon Capture Requirement? - 6/3/15 - The EPA may be backing off its carbon capture requirements. The agency's original draft of the New Source Performance Standards (NSPS) for carbon dioxide would require all new coal-fired power plants to meet a standard of 1,100 pounds of CO₂ per MWh of power produced, which can only be achieved with partial carbon capture and sequestration (CCS).
<http://www.environmentalleader.com/2015/06/03/will-epa-drop-new-coal-ccs-requirement/#ixzz3c1MMnMlq>

Utility Dive - DC Circuit Court rejects challenges to EPA ozone regulations - 6/2/15 - In its 87-page opinion, the D.C. Circuit rejected multiple challenges from states and fossil fuel interests that argued the EPA had acted arbitrarily and capriciously in writing and implementing ozone regulations finalized under President Bush in 2008.
<http://www.utilitydive.com/news/dc-circuit-court-rejects-challenges-to-epa-ozone-regulations/400132/>

Utility Dive - How the EPA Clean Power Plan will transform the US energy system - 6/2/15 - Carbon rules could upend the nation's fuel mix, but are they sufficient to combat climate change?
<http://www.utilitydive.com/news/how-the-epa-clean-power-plan-will-transform-the-us-energy-system/399981/>

Domestic Fuel - USDA Restarts Biomass Crop Program - 6/1/15 - The U.S. Department of Agriculture (USDA) has restarted the Biomass Crop Assistance Program that provides financial assistance to farmers, ranchers and forest landowners interested in growing and harvesting biomass for renewable energy.
<http://energy.agwired.com/2015/06/01/usda-restarts-biomass-crop-program/>

NRDC Switchboard (blog) - Clean Power Plan on Solid Legal Ground - 6/3/15 - All of this demonstrates that there is a strong legal basis for EPA's proposal to establish emission goals for power plants based on the availability of credits for "building block" activities. Section 111 does not speak directly to EPA's authority to adopt this approach. In light of the precedent discussed above and the strong policy arguments for the "building block" approach, EPA's interpretation of Section 111 should easily withstand judicial review.
http://switchboard.nrdc.org/blogs/ddoniger/clean_power_plan_on_solid_legal.html

Yale Environment 360 - A New Face at the Helm of The Oldest U.S. Green Group - 6/3/15 - The Sierra Club has chosen Aaron Mair as its president, the first African-American to lead the largest U.S. environmental organization. In an interview with Yale Environment 360, he talks about the lack of diversity in the environmental movement and what can be done to change that.
http://e360.yale.edu/feature/a_new_face_at_the_helm_of_the_oldest_us_green_group/2881/

Inside Climate - Chamber's Early ESPS Litigation Preparation Draws Utility Sector Concern - 6/3/15 - An early effort by the U.S. Chamber of Commerce to craft an industry-wide consensus legal challenge against EPA's final greenhouse gas (GHG) rule for power plants is prompting swift push back by some utility industry attorneys.
<http://insideclimate.com/climate-daily-news/chambers-early-esps-litigation-preparation-draws-utility-sector-concern>

Greenwire -Enviros move to defend Interior frack rule in court - 6/2/15 - A coalition of environmental groups is poised to join the Obama administration in defending the Interior Department's new regulations for hydraulic fracturing on public and American Indian lands. <http://www.eenews.net/greenwire/stories/1060019513/>

Greenwire - Lung Assoc. launches new PR push for stringent ozone standard - 6/2/15 - Public health group American Lung Association today launched a campaign to call for a tighter national ozone standard. The campaign, called "I Want to Play Outside," emphasizes links between negative health effects in children and ground-level ozone pollution. <http://www.eenews.net/greenwire/stories/1060019512/>

Greenwire -Judges deny industry challenge of EPA carbon capture rule - 6/2/15 - Federal judges today rejected a challenge from energy companies to U.S. EPA's finding that carbon captured from power plant emissions and injected underground qualifies as a "solid waste" and may be subject to regulation. <http://www.eenews.net/greenwire/stories/1060019516/>

Greenwire -Industry 'cautiously optimistic' about final Clean Power Plan - 6/2/15 - Promoters of nuclear energy predicted today U.S. EPA will tweak its Clean Power Plan to value existing and future reactors that the industry says are struggling and at risk of closure. <http://www.eenews.net/greenwire/stories/1060019503/>

Greenwire -Agency releases final guide on environmental justice - 6/2/15 - U.S. EPA will now give greater attention to communities often impacted most by pollution when it comes to writing the agency's rules and regulations. <http://www.eenews.net/greenwire/stories/1060019521/>

E&E Daily - Berkshire Hathaway Energy to push for PURPA reform at hearing today - 6/3/15 - Berkshire Hathaway Energy today is poised to make another bid on Capitol Hill to ease federal requirements for utilities to buy power from small solar generators and cogeneration units. <http://www.eenews.net/eedaily/stories/1060019562/>

E&E Daily - Administration blasted for FOIA backlog - 6/2/15 - Journalists and transparency activists blasted the Obama administration yesterday for its slow and haphazard response to records requests under the Freedom of Information Act. <http://www.eenews.net/eedaily/stories/1060019563/>

BNA - Veto Threat for Appropriations Bill Cites Lack of Adequate Energy Transport Funds - 6/2/15 - The White House issued a veto threat for the fiscal year 2016 appropriations bill that would include \$227 million in funds for hazardous materials and pipeline safety programs. http://news.bna.com/deln/DELNWB/split_display.adp?fedfid=69767284&vname=denotallissues&jd=a0g7k6u9d5&split=0

BNB - Senate TSCA Reform Bill May Not Go to Floor Until August; Markup of House Bill Begins - 6/2/15 - The Senate's chemical safety bill to modernize the Toxic Substances Control Act may not make it to the floor until July or August.

http://news.bna.com/deln/DELNWB/split_display.adp?fedfid=69767290&vname=dennotallissues&jd=a0g7k6z9a2&split=0

BNB - EPA Nears Decision on Regulating Aircraft Emissions in Response to Climate Change - 6/2/15 - The Environmental Protection Agency, which has proposed carbon dioxide limits on coal-fired power plants, is nearing a decision on whether to regulate aircraft emissions in response to climate change.

http://news.bna.com/deln/DELNWB/split_display.adp?fedfid=69767314&vname=dennotallissues&jd=a0g7k7j6j0&split=0

BNB - Report Outlines Policy Options for Aiding Governments in Recycling, Reusing Water - 6/2/15 - Water recycling and reuse is on the rise around the globe, especially in communities in drought-prone regions with limited water resources, but local governments still face challenges in adopting reuse policies, a report released by GE Water & Process Technologies said.

http://news.bna.com/deln/DELNWB/split_display.adp?fedfid=69767317&vname=dennotallissues&jd=a0g7k7k3x7&split=0